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### Merchant Mariner Certificates Suitable for Framing

Since the release of the Merchant Mariner Credential final rule, which consolidated the three previously issued licenses, Merchant Mariner Documents and STCW certificates into a single passport-style Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC), mariners have been asking the Coast Guard to provide a certificate suitable for framing. The Coast Guard recognized this as an important issue to many mariners and decided to honor the mariner by providing a means for mariners to proudly display their professional credentials.

The Coast Guard received approximately 60 comments on the layout and content of the certificate. While some of the comments could not be incorporated, the site is being updated to allow the user to select and order the capacities to be printed on the certificate. The Coast Guard anticipates that this update will be available in late September.

The Merchant Mariner Certificate Suitable for Framing is presently available at: <http://homeport.uscg.mil/mmcert>. Mariners who hold or have held a valid Merchant Mariner Credential (MMC) can download, save, print and proudly display the new certificate.

Users are reminded that the certificate, which is to be used for display purposes only, is not authorized as a substitute for a valid MMC and will not substitute for the MMC where the requirement to post a credential exists. There is no fee for downloading the certificate.

Sincerely,

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